

Claims:

1. A conveyor device for conveying a chain of air-filled packing pillows in a longitudinal direction relative to the chain, the device comprising:
 - a support for supporting said conveyor device on a surface;
 - 5 a pump for supplying air, said pump positioned adjacent to said surface;
 - a generally upwardly extending duct, said duct having an air inlet end and an outlet end, said air inlet end of said duct connected in fluid communication with said pump;
 - 10 said duct having an entrance aperture for receiving said chain of air-filled packing pillows, said entrance aperture positioned downstream from said pump and said air inlet end;

so that, when said pump is activated and said chain of air-filled packing pillows is inserted through said entrance aperture, said chain of air-filled

 - 15 packing pillows is conveyed upwardly through said duct to a selected position.
2. The conveyor device of claim 1 further comprising a deflector for directing said chain of pillows in exiting said duct, said deflector positioned adjacent said outlet end of said duct.
 3. The conveyor device of claim 2 wherein said deflector is curved.
 - 20 4. The conveyor device of claim 2 or 3 wherein said deflector directs said chain of pillows toward a container positioned beneath said deflector.
 5. The conveyor device of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 further comprising a nozzle positioned downstream from said pump and said air inlet end and upstream from said entrance aperture.

6. A conveyor device for conveying a chain of air-filled packing pillows in a longitudinal direction relative to the chain, the device comprising:

a blower unit;

5 an upstanding elongated duct, said duct having an air inlet positioned adjacent said blower, an outlet and an entrance aperture for said chain positioned downstream of said air inlet and upstream of said outlet; and

a deflector positioned proximate to said outlet of said upstanding duct.

7. The conveyor device of claim 6 wherein said duct has a curved upper portion.

10 8. The conveyor device of claim 6 or 7 wherein said deflector is curved.

9. The conveyor device of claim 6, 7 or 8 further comprising a nozzle positioned downstream from said air inlet end and upstream from said entrance aperture.